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P R E F A C E.

IN this volume, which completes the record of the Proceedings of the Society during its first century, are comprised, besides the account of its Centennial Celebration, the Proceedings of eleven stated meetings, from May, 1890, to June, 1891, both inclusive. Three memoirs of deceased members are given; namely, that of ROBERT BENNET FORBES, by Leverett Saltonstall, that of RICHARD H. DANA, by Charles Francis Adams, and the long deferred memoir of JAMES WALKER. This memoir was originally assigned to Henry W. Foote, but was not completed at Mr. Foote's death; it was then assigned to Henry W. Torrey, who was obliged not long afterward to relinquish the task by ill health; and it has now been written by Octavius B. Frothingham. Among the other communications to which the Committee desire to call attention are the list of English Exiles in Amsterdam, prepared by our lamented associate, Henry M. Dexter; the journal of Ebenezer Wild, extending over the whole period of the War of the Revolution; Samuel A. Green's Centennial Bibliography of the publications

of the Society; the copies of the inscriptions on Cabot's "Mappe-Monde," from the papers of Charles Deane; and the paper by Charles F. Adams on some phases of Church Discipline in the colonial period of New England.

For the Committee,

CHARLES C. SMITH.

Boston, October 1, 1891.